



## Uniform Policy

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## **Introduction**

It is our school policy that all of our pupils wear school uniform when attending school, or when participating in a school-organised events outside normal school hours. Regulation uniform must always be worn, including to and from school, the playground, corridors and classrooms. It is important for the promotion of social independence that the younger pupils are able to manage their own clothes and shoes. This should be considered when purchasing school uniform.

In order to return lost property, all uniform and personal items should be clearly marked with your child's full name.

## **Aims and Objectives**

Our policy on school uniform is based on the notion that school uniform:

- promotes a sense of pride in the school;
- engenders a sense of community and belonging towards the school;
- is practical and smart;
- makes pupils feel equal to their peers in terms of appearance;
- is regarded as suitable wear for school and good value for money by most parents;
- is designed with health and safety in mind.

## **The role of Parents**

We ask that all parents who send their child(ren) to our school to support the School Uniform Policy. We believe that parents have a duty to send their child(ren) to school correctly dressed and ready for their daily schoolwork. One of the responsibilities of parents is to ensure that their child has the correct uniform, and that it is clean and in good repair.

## **The role of Governors**

The Governing Body supports the Headteacher in implementing the School Uniform Policy. It considers all representations from parents regarding the School Uniform Policy and liaises with the Headteacher to ensure that the policy is implemented fairly and with sensitivity.

It is the Governors' responsibility to ensure that the school uniform meets all regulations concerning equal opportunities.

Governors ensure that the school uniform policy helps our pupils to dress sensibly, in clothing that is hardwearing, safe and practical.

## **Non-compliance with school uniform**

The Headteacher can discipline pupils for breach of the School Uniform Policy. Pupils will be sent home with a letter to parents highlighting the breach of policy and asking them to remedy the breach. Sanctions such as social and internal withdrawal will be imposed on pupils who continually breach the School Uniform Policy. However, the school will endeavour to establish the reasons for non-compliance and will be sensitive if parents are in financial difficulty. The school may loan missing items

of uniform to ensure that children do not feel discriminated against, should parents be unable or unwilling to provide them with the required items of uniform. No child will be disciplined for non-compliance because of their particular cultural, race or religious dress code.

## **UNIFORM LIST**

When selecting the school uniform items, The Potton Federation and the Governing Body gave highest priority to the consideration of cost and value for money for parents. It is preferable that all pupils wear school uniform with the school logo on, however, no child will be discriminated against for wearing plain, non-logoed items in the school colours.

### **Main Uniform**

#### **Lower School**

- Black school trousers or shorts, no 'skinny jean' style trousers
- Black knee-length school skirt
- White logo Potton Lower School polo shirt
- Red logo Potton Lower School jumper
- White, black or grey socks or tights
- Solid black low heeled or flat shoes
- Hair accessories must be plain and either black, red, grey or white. Hair accessories with large bows are unacceptable and pupils will be asked to remove them.

#### **Middle School**

- Black school trousers or shorts, no 'skinny jean' style trousers
- Black knee-length school skirt
- White school shirt
- Grey logo Potton Middle School jumper
- Solid black low heeled or flat shoes
- Red school tie
- White, black or grey socks or tights
- Hair accessories must be plain and either black, red, grey or white. Hair accessories with large bows are unacceptable and pupils will be asked to remove them.

### **PE Uniform**

#### **Lower School**

- White Potton Lower School logo PE top
- Plain black shorts, skirt or tracksuit bottoms
- Plain black, grey or red sweatshirt

#### **Middle School**

- Black/Red School logo PE top
- Black/Red School logo PE Shorts

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- Black/Red School logo PE Skort
- Black/Red School logo PE Sweatshirt

During colder weather pupils are permitted to wear plain black tracksuit bottoms.

### **Jewellery**

On health and safety grounds we do not allow pupils to wear jewellery in our school. The exceptions to this rule are:

- Simple, plain ear studs in pierced ears. (Only one in the lobe of each ear);
- Small objects of religious significance, such as a crucifix on a chain or Sikh Kara;
- Medical identification bracelets may be worn by pupils who have significant medical problems e.g. diabetes or epilepsy.
- Wristwatches are permitted in school (including fitbits). No watch with communication or recording abilities is permitted e.g. Apple watch.

Any jewellery worn in line with the list above, must be removed on safety grounds for any sporting activity and during Design Technology lessons. Expensive jewellery should not be worn to School as the School cannot accept responsibility for its loss.

Facial and body piercings are discouraged. Any facial and body piercings will be confiscated and returned to parents/carers at the end of the day. Nail extensions are not allowed as they present a Health and Safety risk in school.

The school advises parents who wish their child(ren) to have their ears pierced to do so at the beginning of the school holidays. We do not recommend getting them pierced during term time. However, if ears are pierced during a school term, for the first six weeks the pupil will be asked to tape over the ear studs during PE lessons.

### **Hair**

Hair must be clean and smart and natural looking in colour. The school does not permit pupils to have 'extreme' haircuts that could serve as a distraction to other children. Hairstyles and haircuts which are deemed too extreme such as tramlines, stars, shaved heads, extreme patterns, 'V' styles, Mohican cuts, or dyed, tipped or dipped hair are also discouraged.

If a pupil has an extreme haircut, parents will be contacted directly to address the breach of this policy.

All pupils with shoulder length hair must tie it back for safety reasons. Pupils with hair that sits above the collar will not be asked to tie up their hair. Large, distracting hair ties, bows and bands are not permitted in school. Any small hair accessories worn must be in the school colours of red, white, black or grey.

**Make up**

Make up and cosmetics are not considered appropriate or consistent with our school uniform and are therefore not permitted in school. Any pupil wearing makeup will be asked to remove it.

**Footwear**

We require all pupils to wear fully black school shoes as stated in the uniform list. Sports branded school shoes are not acceptable (reasonable adjustments will be made in discussions between parents/carers and a member of SLT). In the winter, pupils are permitted to wear wellington boots to school but will need to change into their school shoes for the school day.

Trainers may be worn during the pupils designated day for PE activities and at break times only. It is the responsibility of pupils who change into trainers for break time activities to change back into their fully black school shoes in time for the start of their next lesson.